

Foreign aid to NGOs

†1389. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount received by Non-Government Organizations in Chhattisgarh on foreign aids during the last three years;

(b) the name of the countries and the amount received from them every year;

(c) the names of the organisations who have received this amount every year; and

(d) the details of purposes for providing this amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (d) Report on the 'Receipt of Foreign Contribution by Voluntary Organizations' brought out by the Ministry of Home Affairs gives the details of the foreign funds received by Non-Government Organizations working in Chhattisgarh, foreign contribution received country-wise as well as purpose-wise break up of foreign contribution. It is published annually and copies of Report up to the year 2004-05 have been placed in the Parliament Library. The Annual Report for the financial year 2005-06 is under compilation. The list of registered associations of Chhattisgarh is available on MHA's website - <http://mha.nic.in/fore.htm>.

Kisan Credit Card Scheme in Uttaranchal

1390. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to implement a Kisan Credit Card Scheme in Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of funds sanctioned under the scheme during the first year of the scheme and during the current year; and

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(d) whether there is any proposal to extend this scheme to benefit more farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme has been implemented by Cooperative Banks, Regional Rural Banks and Commercial Banks in all States and Union Territories of India since August 1998. Though Uttaranchal was formed only in November 2000, the Scheme was being implemented by above agencies in undivided U.P. before formation of Uttaranchal. As such the scheme is in operation in the State of Uttaranchal from the date of its creation. The amount of funds sanctioned under the scheme during 2001-02 and during the current year (upto Sept. 2006), are as follows:

(Rs. in lakh)

| Period | Cooperative Banks | Regional Rural Banks | Commercial Banks | Total amount sanctioned |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Till March 2001 | Nil | Nil | 465 | 465 |
| 2001-02 | 11761 | 441 | 3974 | 16176 |
| 2006-07* | 7422 | 2628 | 5377 | 15427 |

*Data provisional (till Sept. 2006)

(d) NABARD has advised Cooperative Banks and Regional Rural Banks to continue their endeavour to identify and bring into the KCC fold other farmers including oral lessees, tenant farmers, share-croppers etc.

Reduction of excise duty on pharmaceutical products

1391. SHRI S.K. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. Proneb Sen Committee has recommended to reduce excise duty on all pharmaceutical products from 16 per cent to 8 per cent; and

(b) if so, whether Government would agree to this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes, Sir.